

REMARKS

The Examiner has stated that restriction to one of the following groups of inventions is required.

Group I for claims 65 and 68 drawn to a biochip comprising Formula I or Formula IV.

Group II for claim 66 drawn to a biochip comprising Formula II.

Group III for claim 67 drawn to a biochip comprising Formula III.

Group IV for claim 69 drawn to a biochip comprising Formula V.

Group V for claim 70 drawn to a biochip comprising Formula VI.

Group VI for claim 71 drawn to a biochip comprising Formula VII.

This requirement is respectively traversed. However, to expedite prosecution, the claims of Group I, namely claims 65 and 68 are provisionally elected.

In response to the requirement to elect a species, the species elected are:

R<sup>1</sup> is H;

R<sup>2</sup> is H;

R<sup>3</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub>;

Y is (p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>n</sub> where n is 0;

R<sup>4</sup> is (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OH where n is 2; and

Z is (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OX where n is 2 and, X is P(O)O<sub>3</sub>H.

The claims that encompass the elected invention are claims 52-65, 68 and 72-75 .

If any outstanding issues remain, please contact the undersigned.

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